

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Jeff Essmann, on March 31, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)
Rep. Bill Harris, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Debra Lamm (R)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)
Rep. Art Wittich (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)

Members Absent:

Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)

Staff Present: Jennifer Petersen, Committee Secretary
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 639, 3/27/2015
Executive Action: HJ 23, SB 169

00:00:01 Chair Essmann

HEARING ON HB 639

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:16 Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D), HD 90, opened the hearing on HB 639,
Constitutional amendment to revise term limits.

00:01:29 *Rep. Karjala arrives*

[EXHIBIT\(sth67a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:39 Bob Ream, self, former state representative

Opponents' Testimony:

00:08:07 Becky Stockton, self, Helena, MT

[EXHIBIT\(sth67a02\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:06 Rep. Greef

00:14:07 Rep. Hill

00:15:08 Chair Essmann

00:17:25 Rep. Greef

00:17:38 Rep. Hill

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:10 Rep. Hill

00:20:54 Chair Essmann

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 23

00:22:11 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:22:31 **Motion:** Rep. Harris moved that **HJ 23 DO PASS.**

00:22:47 Rep. B. Bennett

00:23:02 Rep. Lamm

00:23:52 **Motion:** Rep. B. Bennett moved that **HJ 23 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(sth67a03\)](#)

Discussion:

00:26:46 Rep. Wittich

00:27:19 Rep. B. Bennett

00:28:18 Rep. Wittich

00:28:30 Rep. Lamm

00:30:02 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Funk, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Price, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Webber voting aye. Rep. Knudsen voted by proxy.

00:30:30 *Rep. Mortensen leaves*

Discussion:

00:31:31 Rep. Funk
00:32:38 Rep. Schreiner
00:33:52 Rep. Garner
00:35:33 Vice Chair Harris
00:36:27 Rep. Greef
00:37:21 Rep. McKamey
00:38:13 Rep. Shaw
00:39:54 Rep. B. Bennett
00:42:22 Chair Essmann
00:42:29 Rep. B. Bennett

00:42:36 **Motion:** Rep. Wittich moved that **HJ 23 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED to adopt section 1 of HJ002301.asc.**

Discussion:

00:45:31 Rep. B. Bennett
00:45:38 Rep. Wittich
00:45:42 Rep. B. Bennett
00:46:05 Rep. Lamm

00:46:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

00:47:24 **Motion:** Rep. B. Bennett moved that **HJ 23 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED to adopt section 2 of HJ002301.asc.**

Discussion:

00:48:22 Rep. Wittich
00:48:42 Rep. Lamm
00:48:55 Chair Essmann
00:49:02 Vice Chair Schreiner

00:49:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

00:49:56 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Harris moved that **HJ 23 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 17-3 by voice vote with Rep. Funk, Rep. Karjala and Rep. Schreiner voting no. Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 169

00:50:54 Sheri Scurr, LSD

00:51:40 **Motion:** Rep. Harris moved that **SB 169 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:52:43 Sheri Scurr, LSD

EXHIBIT(sth67a04)

00:53:28 Rep. Wittich

00:53:49 Sheri Scurr, LSD

00:54:11 Chair Essmann

00:54:18 Sheri Scurr, LSD

00:54:28 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Harris moved that **SB 169 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 19-1 by voice vote with Rep. Mandeville voting no. Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

00:55:12 **Motion:** Rep. B. Bennett moved that **SB 169 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(sth67a05)

Discussion:

00:58:16 Rep. Mandeville

00:58:45 Rep. B. Bennett

00:59:19 Rep. Mandeville

00:59:55 Rep. B. Bennett

01:01:01 Rep. Wittich

01:02:19 Sheri Scurr, LSD

01:06:16 Rep. Wittich

01:06:22 Rep. B. Bennett

01:07:26 Vice Chair Harris

01:07:42 Chair Essmann

01:07:47 Rep. Wittich

01:08:41 Chair Essmann

01:09:15 Rep. B. Bennett

01:09:35 Chair Essmann

01:10:07 Rep. B. Bennett

01:10:27 Sheri Scurr, LSD

01:11:20 Chair Essmann

01:11:41 Rep. Funk

01:11:45 Without objection, Rep. B. Bennett **withdrew the BE AMENDED motion.**

01:11:59 Without objection, Rep. Harris **withdrew the BE CONCURRED IN motion.**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:12:06

Jennifer Petersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth67aad.pdf](#))